



# Judicial Council of California

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### Title

### Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act | Selection of Pilot Projects (Action Required)

#### Summary

The Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act (Assem. Bill 590; Stats. 2009, ch. 457) provided that, commencing in fiscal year 2011-12, one or more pilot projects selected by the Judicial Council are to be funded to provide legal representation and improved court services to low-income parties on critical legal issues affecting basic human needs. These grants are awarded every three years and recommendations are to be made to the council by the Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation Committee.

#### Recommendation

The Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective October 1, 2020, approve Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act grants in an amount not to exceed \$11,813,025 per year for the period beginning October 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2023. It also recommends deferring two applications and one request for additional funding pending further information on projected revenue based on the uncertainty created by the COVID-19 pandemic. The committee will make further recommendations to the Judicial Council once there is more certainty regarding funding. The committee is making initial recommendations at this time to allow ongoing programs sufficient time to make informed decisions regarding staffing and services to clients, and for new programs to begin to make preparations.

The following partnerships between legal services agencies and superior courts are recommended for funding at the following annual level for three years to provide legal representation and improved court services to eligible low-income litigants:

**Central California Legal Services**  
**Superior Court of Fresno County**  
Housing Pilot Project.....\$386,858

**Centro Legal de la Raza**  
**Superior Court of Alameda County**  
Housing Pilot Project.....\$640,323

**Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance**  
**Superior Court of Kern County**  
Housing Pilot Project.....\$813,579

**Legal Access Alameda**  
**Superior Court of Alameda County**  
Child Custody Pilot Project.....\$93,342

**Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County**

**Superior Court of Santa Barbara County**

Northern Santa Barbara County Housing and Probate

Guardianship/Conservatorship Pilot Project.....\$1,072,239

**Legal Aid Society of San Diego**

**Superior Court of San Diego County**

Housing and Child Custody Pilot Project.....\$3,047,856

**Legal Services of Northern California**

**Superior Court of Yolo County**

Housing Pilot Project.....\$423,789

**Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice**

**Superior Court of Los Angeles County.**

Child Custody Pilot Project.....\$882,598

**Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County**

**Superior Court of Los Angeles County**

Housing Pilot Project .....\$3,125,555

**San Diego Voluntary Legal Services Program**

**Superior Court of San Diego County**

Child Custody Pilot Project.....\$409,352

Domestic Violence Pilot Project.....\$231,135

**San Luis Obispo Legal Assistance Foundation**

**Superior Court of San Luis Obispo County**

Housing, Elder Abuse, Guardianship,

Probate .....\$686,399

**Total: \$11,813,025**